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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR

Master Plan for the Development and Multiple Use of Water Resources (ELS/78/005)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	March 1979
Starting date of project activities:	June 1979 (Excluding preparatory assistance mission in September 1978)
Planned completion date	March 1982
To be executed by:	United Nations
Government implementing agency:	General Directorate of Renewable Natural Resources of the Ministry of Agriculture
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$775 900
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. Since El Salvador's water resources are expected to fall short of national needs by 1990 if current consumption patterns prevail, the problem of ensuring an adequate supply and a rational use of the country's water resources has been receiving increasing priority from the Government in the recent past. For this reason, the Strategic Programme No. 9 of Government's National Plan, 1978-1982, has been conceived to develop, conserve, and control the country's water resources.

2. As the problem of water supply has never been looked at from an integrated point of view and since the organizational structure for water resources administration does not promote adequate co-ordination between users, the Government has decided

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to prepare a master plan for the development of water resources, their conservation and rational use, as well as establish a governing body responsible for the implementation of the plan.

3. The present project has, therefore, been approved to assist in this work, and in the implementation of the above-mentioned strategic programme.

II. Objectives and activities

4. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) assess the country's water resources and their potential; (b) promote their rational use; (c) strengthen the institutional and co-ordination aspects of water administration; (d) train personnel. To this end, the national and international staff working together will: (a) evaluate the water supply and demand; (b) draft the necessary water legislation; (c) formulate recommendations for watershed protection and flood control; (d) draw up a water resources master plan; and (e) recommend quality control measures.

III. Inputs

5. UNDP will provide an expert in water resources planning, and consultants in water legislation, hydrography, water chemistry, resource economics and other related fields, as well as four associate experts in various specialized fields relating to the project. The preparation of the master plan will be subcontracted to a consulting firm. Additionally, UNDP will finance six fellowships, a computer, laboratory equipment and vehicles.

6. To carry out the activities for which assistance has now been approved, the Government of El Salvador will provide qualified professional and supporting staff, office space, supplies and equipment, directly to the project.

IV. Financial data

7. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

		Previously Approved	Present approval	Total approved
		$	$	$
	Personnel	41 100	410 300	451 400
	Subcontracts		200 000	200 000
	Training		42 400	42 400
	Equipment	8 000	92 000	100 000
M	Miscellaneous	20 000	31 200	33 200
		51 100	775 900	827 000

8. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of imputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $913,800, in kind.

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